

Friday 11th September 2020



Other areas of the country have endured earthquakes, misty mornings and rain this week, but Wednesday morning @ChChevening was glorious!

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week our brand new Reception children joined us and it was hard to say who was more excited—children, parents/carers, staff or older siblings and friends! They finished their first part-time week of 'big school' with a Teddy Bears' Picnic, so the children could all get to know each other and their new setting. They have impressed us all with their friendly and happy smiles; please welcome our newest arrivals and help them to feel part of our school family.

At the end of the first full week of school for Classes 1—6, everyone has had a busy week of learning! The Here We Are project is going very well, with each class exploring how unique we all are!

The current Government Guidance for schools inhibits a lot of our normal and enjoyable opportunities and minimises the number of contacts that the children and staff have in school. This means that, for now, activity clubs are not possible, nor are external visitors, helpers and students.

We recognise that our COVID—arrangements and procedures mean that class teachers are not as easily accessible for parents' quiet 1:1 chats as usual. Please see details on the next page about dates for an early virtual Parents' Meeting appointment for children in Classes 1—6, when the focus will be on discussing each child's settling in and well-being this term.

Wishing everyone a happy weekend!
Miss Minnis

PS Please click on the Hands-Face-Space image above this column for a quick link to school COVID— information for parents.

Christian Value Certificates

This week we are pleased to recognise the following for all their endeavours and displaying our school values;



Class 1 (Mrs McLean & Mr Langston)- Walter for showing **perseverance** on not giving up and completing his geography work.

Class 2 (Mrs Robinson & Mrs Wilde)- William for showing **courage** during P.E this week. He was a little worried about the task, but had a really good try.

Class 3 (Mrs Roll) - Sidney and Charlie B for showing **respect** for always being the first two ready to work.

Year 4 (Miss Sweeney)- Emilia for showing **perseverance** for start this year, showing so gusto and not being perturbed when faced with more challenging work.

Year 5 (Mr Qureshi)- Aoife for showing **perseverance** in the daily mile.

Year 6 (Mrs Edwards)- Felix for engaging in a really **respectable** debate during our discussion about race

Class 2

This week Class 2 have worked collaboratively to produced a poem based on 'Out and About' by Shirley Hughes. Class 2 based their poem on the Autumn. They were thrilled with the result.

The Good Work certificate for Class 2 this week goes to Murphy for some excellent contributions to answer questions/discussion.



Class 4

There was certainly quite the *buzz* in the classroom this week as Class 4 started to learn about the new topic of Electricity in Science. We began by undertaking various challenges, including attempting to create a working electrical circuit, unscrewing a plug and putting it back together again, to help check our current knowledge and understanding of this topic.



Class R

Class R have been attending their taster sessions this week and enjoying exploring their new learning environment



Worship

This week's worship theme has been *friendship*, with the children exploring attributes of friends, activities for fun/work and the emotions they experience, in both the past and present. As in the story of Nehemiah, the start of a new class/year/term, it's a good time to pause and think about emotions we want to experience and hold on to in the future.

Which school Christian values could help you look ahead with confidence?



Pupil Premium

If your family has experienced considerable change in circumstance due to COVID-19, you may be entitled to apply for **Free School Meals and Pupil Premium**. The criteria for successful application include:

- *Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)*
- *Income Support*
- *income-based Jobseeker's Allowance*
- *income-related Employment and Support Allowance*
- *support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999*
- *the guaranteed element of Pension Credit*
- *Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)*
- *Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.*

You can apply on-line [here](#).

The application process must be completed by parents; The additional benefit to successful FSM applications, is that the school will receive **Pupil Premium Funds** to support a child's well-being and development in school.

Virtual Parents/Teacher Appointments for Classes 1-6

Please note the two dates that staff will be hosting virtual individual appointments with parents/carers, most likely via Zoom, on **Mon 28th and Tues 29th September**.

These are much earlier in the year than usual, but we hope they will support parents and teachers in discussing how each child is settling into class and adjusting to new COVID-19 systems. Well-being and approaches to learning will be the focus of the 10 minute appointments, rather than academic progress.

Further details will be sent shortly.

Reminders

Please could parents/carers remember:

- send in (named) wellies for their child to keep in school;
- closely supervise children coming in/going out of school (unless Class 6 have been authorised to walk home);
- *push* open the pedestrian gates; they no longer open automatically; please press the buzzer, when staff release the gate, you will need to push!
- parents/carers are welcome to wear face coverings for drop-off and pick-up from the playground.
- Sadly due to the one way system dogs are not permitted in the school site.

Key Dates

Date	Event
14-16th September	Class R in school 8.45-11.45am
17-18th September	Class R in school 8.45am-12.30pm
22nd September	Induction of Rev Hannah Adams
28 & 29th September	Individual Virtual Parent Appointments with Class 1 –6 teachers
21st October	School Photos
22nd October	Last day of Term
23rd October	Inset Day
26th-30th October	Half Term
2nd November	First Day of Term 2

These dates may be subject to amendment due to COVID-19.

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